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SUBJ: RHODESIAN REFUGEE ABDUCTED

1. THE BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS OF OCT. 16 REPORTED THAT A RHODESIAN REFUGEE MEMBER OF THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLES' UNION (ZAPU) WAS ABDUCTED IN FRANCISTOWN ON OCTOBER 13. THE REFUGEE, ETHAN DUBE, WAS RESIDENT IN ZAMBIA, AND IN FRANCISTOWN "ON A SHORT PRIVATE VISIT."

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ABDUCTION WITH UNHCR GOODYEAR, WHO SAID HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN INNUNBATED BY RHODESIAN REFUGEES DEMANDING "PROTECTION" BY THE UN AND THE UK GOVERNMENT. GOODYEAR ASSUMED RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABDUCTION, BUT NOTED THAT GOB HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO MAKE NO ACCUSATION. GOODYEAR SPECULATED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN AREA KAZUNGULA AND "INCREASED NERVOUSNESS" ON PART RHODESIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: THE NEWS STORY WAS CAREFUL NOT TO MENTION THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES AS POSSIBLE ABDUCTORS. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE HAS NOT ACCUSED RHODESIA OF PREPETRATING THE

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ABDUCTION, BUT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES SPEAK OF "TWO WHITE MEN

WHO WERE ARMED WITH PISTOLS," AND THE ASSUMPTION AMONG MANY
IN GABORONE IS THAT THE RHODESIANS HAVE ONCE AGAIN ENTERED
BOTSWANA TO ABDUCT A POLITICALLY ACTIVE REFUGEE.
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